

Mr. S——R.

THE Enclosed Memorial you are Charg'd with, in the behalf of many Thousands of the good People of England.

There is neither Popish, Jacobite, Seditious, Court, or Party Interest concern'd in it; but honesty and Truth.

You are commanded by Two Hundred Thousand Englishmen, to deliver it to the H---e of C---s, and to inform them that it is no Banter, but Serious Truth; and a Serious Regard to it is expected; nothing but Justice, and their Duty is required, and it is required by them who have both a Right to Require, and Power to Compel, viz. the people of England.

We could have come to the House Strong enough to Obleige them to hear us, but we have avoided any Tumults, not desiring to Embroil, but to Save our Native Country.

If you refuse to Communicate it to them, you will find cause in a short time to Repent it

To R----- H-----y Esq; S---r to the H----- of C---s,
These.

The Memorial.

To the K——s, C——s, and B——s in P——t Assembled.

A Memorial,

From the Gentlemen, Free-holders, and Inhabitants of the Counties of---- in behalf of themselves, and many Thousands of the good people of England.

Gentlemen,

It were to be wish'd you were Men of that Temper, and possess'd of so much Honour, as to bear with the Truth, tho' it be against you: Especially from us who have so much Right to tell it you, but since, Even Petitions to you from your Masters, (for such are the people who Chose you) are so Haughtily receiv'd, as with the Committing the Authors to Illegal Custody; you must give us leave to give you this fair Notice of your Misbehaviour, without Expoling our Names.

If you think fit to rectifie your Errors, you will do well, and possibly may hear no more of us; but if not, assure your selves the Nation will not long hide their Resentments. And tho' there are no stated Proceeding to bring you to your Duty, yet the great Law of Reason says, and all Nations allow, that whatever Power is above Law, its Burthensom and Tyrannical; and may be reduc'd by *Extrajudicial* Methods: You are not above the Peoples Resentments, they that made you Members, may reduce you to the same Rank from whence they chose you; and may give you a Taste of their abused kindness, in Terms you may not be pleas'd with.

When the People of England Assembl'd in Convention, Presented the Crown to His Present Majesty, they annexed a Declaration of the Rights of the People, in which was Express'd what was Illegal and Arbitrary in the former Reign, and what was claim'd as of Right to be done by Succeeding Kings of England.

In like manner, here follows, *Gentlemen*, a short abridgment of the Nations Grievances, and of your Illegal and Unwarrantable Practices; and a Claim of Right which we make in the Name of our Selves, and such of the good People of England, as are justly Ailurum'd at your Proceedings.



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I. To raise Funds, for Money, and Declare by borrow'ng Clauses, that whosoever Advances Money on those Funds, shall be Re-imbur's'd out of the Next Aids, if the Funds fall short; and then give Subsequent Funds, without Transferring the Deficiency of the former, is a horrible Cheat on the Subject who lent the Money; a Breach of Publick Faith, and destructive to the Honour and Credit of Parliaments.

II. To imprison Men who are not your own Members, by no Proceedings but a Vote of your House, and to continue them in Custody, *Sine Die*, is Illegal; a Notorious Breach of the Liberty of the People; Setting up a Dispensing Power in the House of Commons, which your Fathers never pretended to; bidding Defiance to the *Habeas Corpus* Act, which is the Bulwark of Personal Liberty, Destructive of the Laws, and Betraying the Trust repos'd in you. *The King at the same time being obliged to ask you leave to continue in Custody the Horrid Assassins of his Person.*

III. Committing to Custody those Gentlemen, who at the command of the People (whose Servants you are) and in a Peaceable way to put you in mind of your Duty, is Illegal and Injurious; Destructive of the Subjects Liberty of Petitioning for Redress of Grievances, which has by all Parliaments before you, been acknowledged to be their undoubted Right.

IV. Voting a Petition from the Gentlemen of *Kent* Insolent, is Ridiculous and Impertinent, because the Free-holders of *England* are your Superiors; and is a contradiction in it self, and a Contempt of the *English* Freedom, and contrary to the Nature of Parliamentary Power.

V. Voting People Guilty of Bribery and Ill Practices, and Committing them as aforesaid, without Bail, and then upon Submission, and kneeling to your House, discharging them; Exacting Exorbitant Fees by your Officers is Illegal, Betraying the Justice of the Nation, Selling the Liberty of the Subject, encouraging the Extortion and Villany of Gaolers and Officers; and discontinuing the Legal Prosecutions of Offenders in the ordinary Course of Law.

VI. Prosecuting the Crime of Bribery in some to serve a Party, and then proceed no further, tho' Proof lay before you, is Partial and Unjust; and a Scandal upon the Honour of Parliaments.

VII. Voting the Treaty of Partition Fatal to *Europe*, because it gave so much of the *Spanish* Dominions to the *French*, and not concern your selves to prevent their taking Possession of it all. Deserting the *Dutch* when the *French* are at their Doors, till it be almost too late to help them; is Unjust to our Treaties, and unkind to our Confederates, Dishonourable to the *English* Nation, and shew you very negligent of the Safety of *England*, and of our Protestant Neighbours.

VIII. Ordering immediate hearings to trifling Petitions, to please Parties in Elections; and *Pestpone*, the Petition of a Widow for the Blood of her Murdered Daughter, without giving it a reading; is an illegal Delay of Justice, dishonourable to the Publick Justice of the Nation.

IX. Addressing the King to displace his Friends upon bare Surmises, before a Legal Tryal or Article prov'd, is Illegal, and Inverting the Law, and making Execution go before Judgment; contrary to the true sense of the Law, which esteems every Man a good Man till something appears to the contrary.

X. Delaying Proceedings upon Capital Impeachments, to blast the Reputation of the Persons, without proving the Fact; is Illegal and Oppressive, Destructive of the Liberty of *Englishmen*, a Delay of Justice, and a Reproach to Parliaments.

XI. Suffering Sawcy and indecent Reproaches upon His Majesties Person to be published in your House; particularly by that Impudent Scandal of Parliaments 3-----n H----- without shewing such Resentments as you ought to do, The said 3-----n H----- saying openly "That His Majesty had made a Felonius Treaty to rob his Neighbour" "insinuating that the Partition Treaty (which was every way as just as blowing up Man's House to save anothers)" "was a Combination of the King to rob the Crown of S-----" "of its due. This is making a *Billinggate* of the House, and setting up to *Bully* your Sovereign, contrary to the intent and meaning of that Freedom of Speech which you claim Right; is scandalous to Parliaments; Undutiful and Unmannerly, and a Reproach to the whole Nation.

XII. Your S-----r Exacting the Exorbitant Rate of 10 *l. per Diem* for the V-----s, and giving the Printer incouragment to raise it on the People, by selling them at 4 *d. per Sheet*, an Illegal and Arbitrary Exaction, dishonourable to the House, and burthensome to the People.

XIII. Neglecting still to pay the Nations Debts, Compounding for Interest, and *Postponing* Petitions; is Illegal, Dishonourable, and Destructive of the Publick Faith.

XIV. Publickly neglecting the great work of *Reformation of Manuers*, tho' often press'd by the King, to the great Dishonour of God, and incouragment of Vice; is a Neglect of your Duty, and an abuse of the Trust reposed in you, by God, His Majesty, and the People.

XV. Being Scandalously Vicious your selves, both in your Morals and Religion; Leisured in Life, and Erroneous in Doctrine, having publick Blasphemers and Impudent Deniers of the Divinity of our Saviour among you, and suffering them unreproved and unpunished, the infinite Regret of all good Christians, and the just Abhorrence of the whole Nation.

Wherefore, In the said Prospect of the impending Ruine of our Native Country, which Parliaments (which ought to be the Security and Defence of our Laws and Constitution) betray their Trust and abuse the People whom they should protect: And no other way being left us but *That Force* which we are very loath to make use of, that Posterity may know we did not insensibly fall under the Tyranny of a Prevailing Party, We do hereby

Claim and Declare.

1. That it is the Undoubted Right of the People of England, in case their Representatives in Parliament do not proceed according to their Duty, and the Peoples Interest, to inform them of their Dislike, disown their Actions, and to direct them to such things as they think fit, either by Petition, Address, Proposal, Memorial, or any other peaceable way.

2. That the House of Commons, separately and otherwise than by Bill legally Pass'd in an Act, have no Legal Power to suspend or dispense with the Laws of the Land, any more than the King has by his Prerogative.

3. That the House of Commons have no Legal Power to imprison any Person, or commit them to Custody of Serjants, or otherwise (their own Members except) but ought to Address the King, to cause any Person, on good Grounds, to be apprehended, which Person so apprehended, ought to have the Benefit of the *Habeas Corpus Act*, and be fairly brought to Trial by due Course of Law.

4. That if the House of Commons, in Breach of the Laws and Liberties of the People, betray the Trust reposed in them, and act Negligently or Arbitrarily and Illegally, it is the Undoubted Right of the People of England to call them to an Account for the same, and by Convention, Assembly or Force may proceed against them as Traitors and Betrayers of the Country.

These things we think proper to declare, as the unquestion'd Right of the People of England who

om you serve, and in pursuance of that Right (avoiding the Ceremony of Petitioning
Inferiors, for such you are by your present Circumstances, as the Person *sent* is less than
Sender) We do publickly protest against all your foresaid Illegal Actions, and in the
me of our Selves, and of all the good People of *England*, do

Require and Demand.

1. That all the Publick Just Debts of the Nation be forthwith Paid and Discharg'd.
2. That all Persons *illegally imprison'd*, as aforesaid, be either immediately discharged, or
mitted to Bail, as by Law they ought to be; and the Liberty of the Subject Recogniz'd
Restor'd.
3. That *J--n H---* aforesaid be oblig'd to ask His Majesty Pardon for his Vile Refle-
ons, or be immediately Expell'd the House.
4. That the growing Power of *France* be taken into Consideration; the Succession of the
peror to the Crown of *Spain* supported; our *Protestant* Neighbours protected, as the true
erest of *England*, and the *Protestant Religion* requires.
5. That the *French King* be oblig'd to quit *Flanders*, or that His Majesty be address'd to
clare War against him.
6. That *Suitable Supplies* be granted to His Majesty for the putting all these necessary
ings in execution, and that care be taken that such Taxes as are raised, may be more equally
essed and Collected, and scandalous Deficiencies prevented.
7. That the *Thanks of the House* may be given to those Gentlemen who so gallantly appear'd
the behalf of their Country, with the *Kentish* Petition, and have been so scandalously
ed for it.

Thus Gentlemen, You have your Duty laid before you, which 'tis hoped you will think
; but if you continue to neglect it, you may expect to be treated according to the Resent-
ents of an injur'd Nation; for *Englissmen* are no more to be Slaves to *Parliaments*, than to a
ing.

Our Name is Legion, and we are Many

Postscript.

If you require to have this Memorial sign'd with our Nems, it shall be done on your first Ordeo,
nd Personally Presented.

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